

Bechdel test

Purpose: The Bechdel test ascertains how often women appear in films and how they are depicted when they do. It covers three categories: the representation of women, the extent of their activity in the film, and their activity in their own right, rather than as a backdrop to men.

Test a film: Take a film you are making at the moment or one you are interested in and apply the test. The film only 'passes' the test if you answer yes to all the questions below.

Title of film: _____

Criterion 1: Representation

Does the film include at least two female characters? **YES** **NO**

Criterion 2: Active role

Do the women in the film talk to each other? **YES** **NO**

Criterion 3: Who is the focus?

Do they talk about something other than a man? **YES** **NO**

Result

Does the film improve public and media representations and perceptions of women? **YES** **NO**